B-3439 - B-3450 1138-1108 S. Charles St. (West side) Baltimore, Md. Private access c.1840-1900

The west side of the 1100 block of S. Charles St. was originally improved with groups of two story plus attic and small three story, two bay wide, gable-roofed houses that served as combination residential/commercial structures. Only a few of these survive in their original exterior form (1134 and 1124 S. Charles St., which are two story plus attic houses, and 1114 and 1116 S. Charles St., which are three story, gable-roofed houses), the remainder having been enlarged and remodeled after the Civil War to a full three stories in height with shed roofs and bracketed cornices. All currently still serve a combined residential/commercial function. 1118-1120 S. Charles St. is a large three story, four bay wide brick building with shed roof and stepped roofline. The facade has been faced with cut stone and there is both brownstone and stamped sheet metal, Classical Revival style trim. This structure was built around the turn of the century to serve as a department store, as it still does today.

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## 7 DESCRIPTION

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three story, two bay brick building with shed roof and bracketed cornice represents an enlargement of the original gable roofed house that was built on this site in the 1840's and formed part of a group of such houses extending along this side of Charles St. The first floor area of the building has been converted into a store-front.

The buildings is three stories in height, 15' wide, and occupies a lot 65' deep. There is a two story high, one bay wide and deep stair hall extension which connects the main house to a two story high, four bay deep rear addition. The house is constructed in running bond. The shed roof is capped by a stamped sheet metal cornice consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding set above a row of thick dentils and a row of egg-and-dart motifs. Three brackets support the cornice and connect it to a lower molding strip. The upper edges of the two end brackets terminate in round, plain "anthemions." There is a double hooded chimney located along both the front and rear sections of the south side of the house. There is also a hooded chimney located on the north side of the rear addition.

The second and third floor window openings have segmentally arched brick lintels with scroll-sawed tympanums. The sills are wood. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. The first floor area has been converted into a store-front consisting of a centrally located glass and panel door set beneath a single light transom and flanked by two three-sided projecting plate glass store windows set on wood bases. A plain boxed cornice with freize area beneath constructed of the same wood siding as the shop window bases, extends across the entire facade. The entrance is reached directly from the side-walk.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is significant as being representative of a large group of two story plus attic houses built in the 1840's and 1850's in the area immediately surrounding the Cross St. Market to serve as combination residences/store-fronts, but which were remodeled after the Civil War in the currently fashionable Victorian style, with the front roof gable rebuilt as a shed roof and a modern bracketed cornice added. Buildings of this type served the needs of a growing community which was attracting an influx of small shop-keepers to provide goods and services for the local residents.

The house was built by Joseph Kaufman, who operated a butcher shop at this location in the late 1840's. Kaufman also built a group of small alley houses on either side of Kaufman's Court to the north of this house, but only one of these houses remains.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Baltimore City Directory, 1845, 1849-50

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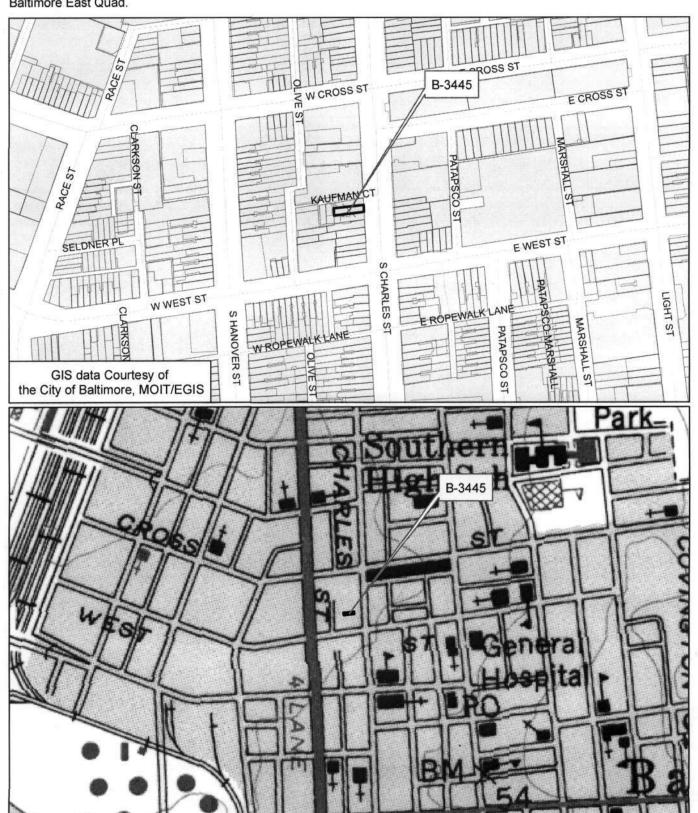
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